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SUBJ: UNITY DEMONSTRATIONS CONTINUE IN ADDIS

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1. EPMG-ORGANIZED DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST FOREIGN INTERVENTION AND INSURGENCY IN ERITREA AND IN SUPPORT ETHIOPIAN UNITY CONTINUED IN ADDIS AND, ACCORDING ETHIOPIA RADIO, IN COUNTRYSIDE ON FEBRUARY 18.

2. ADDIS PUBLIC AND VISITING DIGNITARIES ATTENDING OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WHICH CURRENTLY MEETING HERE TREATED TO SIGHT 1500-2000 GALLA HORSEMEN IN CEREMONIAL ACCOUTREMENTS, SHIELDS
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AND SPEARS, AS WELL AS YOUTH AND VETERANS OF CONGO AND KOREA

EXPEDITIONARY FORCES PARADING WITH APPROPRIATE PLACARDS SHOUTING SLOGANS AGAINST FOREIGN INTERVENTION.

3. MAJOR MENGISTU REPORTEDLY ADDRESSED DEMONSTRATORS AT MENELIK PALACE BEFORE THEY BEGAN TOUR OF ADDIS. ALTHOUGH TRAFFIC TIED INTO KNOTS, DEMONSTRATIONS ORDERLY AND NO INCIDENTS RELATED TO THEM HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

4. DEMONSTRATION APPARENTLY EPMG ANSWER TO ATTEMPTED "ANTI-ANTI ARAB" DEMONSTRATION TRIED BY MOSLEM OAU MEMBERS EVENING OF FEB. 17 (CF. REFTTEL). MOSLEM MEMBERS REPORTEDLY IRKED BY VIRULENTLY CHAUVINISTIC "UNITY DEMONSTRATIONS" OF FEB. 16 WHICH SOME VIEWED AS ANTI-ARAB. HOWEVER, DESULTORY ATTEMPT TO MOUNT OAU MOSLEM DEMONSTRATION FIZZLED AS, WE HEAR, IT QUICKLY SCOTCHED BY OAU ADMIN SEC GEN ETEKI AND PETER ONU. WYMAN

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